

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1.-15. Previously Canceled.

16. (Previously Added) A method of treating abnormal lipid metabolism comprising the coordinated administration of a statin selected from the group consisting of lovastatin, simvastatin, provastatin and fluvastatin and an alkanoyl L-carnitine selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, propionyl L-carnitine, butyryl L-carnitine, valeryl L-carnitine and isovaleryl L-carnitine or one of their pharmacologically acceptable salts, provided the combination of simvastatin with propionyl L-carnitine is excluded.

17. (Previously Added) A method of lowering cholesterolaemia and triglyceridaemia associated with abnormal lipid metabolism comprising the coordinated administration of a statin selected from the group consisting of lovastatin, simvastatin, provastatin and fluvastatin and an alkanoyl L-carnitine selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, propionyl L-carnitine, butyryl L-carnitine, valeryl L-carnitine and isovaleryl L-carnitine or one of their pharmacologically acceptable salts, provided the combination of simvastatin with propionyl L-carnitine is excluded.

18. (Previously Added) An orally or parentally administerable pharmaceutical composition which consists essentially of a statin selected from the group consisting of lovastatin, simvastatin, provastatin and fluvastatin and an alkanoyl L-carnitine selected

from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, propionyl L-carnitine, butyryl L-carnitine, valeryl L-carnitine and isovaleryl L-carnitine or one of their pharmacologically acceptable salts, provided the combination of simvastatin with propionyl L-carnitine is excluded, in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

19. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the statin is lovastatin.

20. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the statin is simvastatin.

21. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the statin is provastatin.

22. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the statin is fluvastatin.

23. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is acetyl L-carnitine.


24. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is propionyl L-carnitine.

25. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is butyryl L-carnitine.

26. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is valeryl L-carnitine.

27. (Previously Added) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is isovaleryl L-carnitine.

28. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 18, in unit dosage form, comprising 5-10 mg of statin and 100-1,000 mg of an alkanoyl L-carnitine.



29. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the statin and the alkanoyl L-carnitine are administered simultaneously.

30. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the statin and the alkanoyl L-carnitine are administered as a combination or mixture optionally with an excipient.

31. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the statin and the alkanoyl L-carnitine are administered simultaneously.

32. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the statin and the alkanoyl L-carnitine are administered as a combination or mixture optionally with an excipient.

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